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PRESIDENT TAFT'S MESSAGE.

DRESIDENT TAFT'S message, read in both houses of Con-Itaken up at once by the legislature gress yesterday, is of such considerable length as to dis- and an effective law enacted. courage the casual reader; but it is to be hoped that all will There can be no end to the present sean with close interest the resume of the message as it appears on the first page of this issue. The President has dealt almost prohibitive. It robs the people with practically every subject of national welfare at the pres- of their earnings for even the little ent time and an exhaustive reading of the message will give coal the most humble family may use, one a close insight into the condition of the country from a along manufacturing lines. It prevents governmental standpoint.

Mr. Taft undoubtedly but mirrors the desire of the nation home for her raw material. It keeps at large when he says that he will not recommend any tariff legislation until the new Congress convenes in December, 1911. the establishing of factories and work-While we all have something in common with the reasons ad- shops. It is driving people from the vanced by Mr. Taft for the attitude he assumes, yet in the state. It must come to an end. epinion of many the best argument against it is the fact that the coal trust is almost beyond belief. it would once more unsettle business conditions, which are Confronted as it is with the wrath of rapidly coming back to normal. The President's reason is the the people of the state, with the evifact that the tariff board is not ready to submit a report on with the law on the subject plain and any of the schedules of the Payne bill. He desires to wait in motion by the action of the secreuntil the tariff board gives some intelligent basis for action. tary of state, the trust still insolently When it does so, the President desires that the tariff be re- growls, turns over and goes to sleep wised schedule by schedule, and announces his vigorous oppo- hand. Justice for the trust is sure and sition to any general revision. He desires the tariff board to certain. be made permanent, which will appear to most of us as a most BRITISH POLITICS. sensible suggestion.

While the tariff clause of his message is the most inter- House of Commons, which meets next esting to the people generally, the President will meet poputively unchanged Liberal majority. far approval in the stand he takes concerning anti-trust legis- Just what has been gained by an ap lation. Mr. Taft assumes the position that it is time to stop peal to the country it is not so entirely legislating with reference to regulation of corporations and to suspend that sort of thing until the effect has been noted of the way of complete understanding. a vigorous execution of the laws already on the statute books. but who is rather nouplused at the The President believes that the exact limitation upon business deductions that the English writers methods will be made clearer by pending decisions of the su-

From the foregoing, and from further comment upon it Lords was a foregone conclusion, by the President, it is apparent that he is weary of the hue whatever party was returned to and cry against corporations just because they are corporations, is tired of the continual muckraking that is going on and upon the details. that no radical trust-busters are going to get encouragement The struggle which has been going at the White House. Mr. Taft wants the law enforced, he wants the people protected from the exactions of the trust, but in the House of Commons of the veto he does not hold that every corporation is guilty of each crime bill. This measure takes from the in the calendar, and he believes it is time we became slightly House of Lords its power to veto any more safe and sane on the trust question.

The message undoubtedly will have a splendid effect on ministry favored the veto bill, but it business. There is nothing in it to alarm capital; in fact, the met with much opposition on the part hope is plainly held out to capital that there is going to be no general program of running amuck. The President says that urally being the membership of the he believes the activities of the government, in addition to the House of Lords. During the months enforcement of the laws, should be directed toward economy of of debate that have followed, the Conadministration, the enlargement of opportunities for foreign beaten down until the question betrade, the building up of home industry and the strengthening tween the two parties came to be a of the confidence of capital in domestic investment.

The President strikes a conservative note. That he is going to do nothing radical, is plainly apparent. His message will help much to restore confidence and it ought to be at once result of the British elections that the reflected in a quickening of the commercial pulse all over the

It will be a sad blow to Victor Murdock, the par excellence of the people. There will be the insurgent, that he is not to have the opportunity to put wool on hereditary peers, as usual, there will the free list. The attitude of the President in opposition to be peers appointed by King George, any tariff legislation at this session, puts it outside the realm the consent of those who hold hereditof probability that the wool schedule or any other schedule of ary titles. King George will probably the Payne bill will be considered. Coming from the President, use the same weapon that King Wilthe titular head of the Republican party, it is apparent that liam threatened to use seventy-five it is in line with the views of the party leaders. So Mr. Mur- Lords to his will by declaring that he dock can bide his time with as much patience as he can muster would name enough new peers to give until the next Congress meets, which will be in December, 1911. him the majority that favored his

It will be good news to Utah, also, that the wool schedule The great parties in English politics, is to remain as it is. Here in Utah, as sellers of wool, it is to therefore, will return to Parliament our advantage that wool shall sell at a price that will afford in January with their positions practhe wool grower a profit. Mr. Murdock is, of course, arguing tically unchanged. The country has from a selfish standpoint. His constituents buy the finished Prime Minister Asquith will find his product. If they were large sellers of wool, he would favor power much greater than in the past. a high tariff.

STATE SECRETARY ACTS.

the dominating companies and the that reason, Salt Lake retailers that he believes that is controlling coal prices in Utah, and that they must dissolve within thirty days, or he will turn the matter over to the attorney general for the purpose of having revoked the corporate rights and franchises of the companies that are in the combination. The thirty days which he allows the companies for dissolution of the the law, and in doing so the secretary of state is merely following out the

fying to the people of the state that part of the attorney general. the public for several years, but which reasonable supposition that the secre-Into his possession "satisfactory evi- upon examination, satisfies me that twice on Sunday.

I dence" that there is a combination.

tors and beneficiaries of the trust. forefather of us all. There ought to be some way of getting at the facts of a situation which everybody old enough to think intel. Chicago is coming to Denver next ligently knows to exist, and when that spring. What an excellent opporknowledge is augmented by the strong tunity for Salt Lake to make a bid for case made out by the Commercial club lits appearance here also. Within such traffic bureau, the layman will see no easy distance of Salt Lake as it will reason why there should not be be when in Denver, it ought to be posprompt action by the attorney general 'sible to drive a moderate bargain with after the matter is certified to him by the orchestra management for an apthe secretary of state. Of course, if pearance here. the offending corporations withdraw Secretary Tingey's action comes from the combination and dissolve it. with promptness, and it must be grati- there will be no need for action on the

As the constitution of the state man with sufficient courage to grapple makes the attorney general the legal dining room appurtenances to effect a with a situation that has confronted adviser of the state officers, it is a harmonious whole, has now reached a place where action tary of state went over the situation can no longer be deferred. A less with the attorney general before he York estate has been found in Scotresolute official might have hid behind acted. It is a reasonable supposition land, where he was slicing turnips as the loophole which the law apparently that when the secretary of state says a means of livelihood. As he is said offers. The law says that the secre- that "written and verbal evidence has to have a fondness for turnips, he can tary of state shall act when he gets recently been submitted to me which, have them for dinner every day and

there exists an unlawful combination," he bases his statement that it is satisfactory evidence upon the opinion given him by the attorney general, his legal adviser. So it may confidently be expected that the statutes of Utah which forbid combinations to control the price or limit the production of

The satisfactory feature of all this to the people is that the laws of Utah

contest until the people come into and it keeps the state from developing

again. But the day of reckoning is a

It is apparent that the new British

the ideas of its members. The Liberal mere matter of detail as to the method to be used in curtailing the power of

It is possible and probable as the years ago, when he bent the House of

Of a certainty, however, the ancient power of the Lords is gone.

A New York youth has confessed to Utah's secretary of state has re- An official who follows the line of robbing his employers to get money sponded to the will of the people by least resistance might have taken the with which to buy clothes for his serving notice upon the producing view that the "evidence" presented was young wife. Man has been doing that coal companies, the railroads that own not satisfactory and refused to act for ever since Adam excused his little flasco with the apple by saying "the Mr. Tingey, however, shares the woman gave me, and I did eat." And them to be members of a combination view of the matter that is held by the modern Adam doesn't get by with everybody in Utah outside the abet- the excuse much better than did the

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